

And
Nov. 15th 1834
To Dr Geo Torrey

Wilmington N. C. Dec 27. 1833



Dr Sir

Your letter reached me at
the busiest & most perplexed period of my whole
life, or you should have received an earlier reply.
& Even now I can only make you promises of
aid to be rendered some time the ensuing spring.
For some months I have been engaged in conducting
up an extensive business, which I have pursued
for 20 years preparatory to a removal into the
country, when my facilities for serving you
will be much increased. — meantime my
performance is in disorder and I can not conve-
niently select & forward such specimens as I think
would be useful to you, nor command the time
required to prepare a Catalogue of such plants
as have come within the range of my notice.
more over, having prepared specimens only with
a view to future reference for my own satisfaction

the number has seldom exceeded two or three but
before the spring opens I will endeavor to make
out a list of what plants I know hereabouts and
will with pleasure prepare & forward such of
them as you may desire. — My friend and
botanical Colleague Mr. Moses A. Curtis is
now at the North (Charles town Mass.) should you
meet with him you will find him prepared
to furnish you with a list & description of nearly
all our plants & by his superior attainments
in this branch of Nat Hist to render you more
useful service than

Yr obt st.

James F. M. R.



P.S. I copied from Loomis's Catalogue the names of such plants
as you have there noted and
have expressed to Dr Loomis
my willingness to aid him
in supplying you
J F M